

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 307

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Perry Massengill upon being named the 2017 Fisheries Technician of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Perry Massengill, who was recently named the 2017 Fisheries Technician of the Year by the Fisheries Division of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA); and

WHEREAS, throughout his twenty-year tenure with the TWRA, Mr. Massengill has evinced the greatest probity and integrity in all of his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, among his many tasks as a technician for the TWRA Region III reservoir fisheries crew, Perry Massengill is responsible for conducting fish survey work and inputting and organizing most of the data collected; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their day-to-day work with TWRA, Mr. Massengill and his colleagues conduct workshops with local high school fishing teams; these workshops show young anglers how aquatic nuisance species move and how they can properly check their boats for these aquatic pests; and

WHEREAS, Perry Massengill has served on an advisory board for Rhea County High School to help develop job descriptions for wildlife and fisheries management careers and has participated in Earth Day activities throughout Rhea County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Massengill has an active role with the annual Chuck Copeland Memorial Fishing Rodeo, one of the largest events in the state. He helps lead the planning of the event, arranges the appearances of special guests, and works with the prizes and donations; and

WHEREAS, a true leader and consummate professional, Mr. Massengill constantly strives to achieve a new level of performance in his field, and his stalwart career with the TWRA and his endeavors throughout this great State are a testament to that dedication; and

WHEREAS, Perry Massengill epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Perry Massengill for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Perry Massengill upon being named the 2017 Fisheries Technician of the Year, thank him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.